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REMARKS

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1. The 2nd Arty Regt in Pilsen (N 50/L 04) had [redacted] and was subordinate to the division in Pilsen. * The regimental headquarters, the signal battery and the II Bn were located in the Artillery Barracks on Klattauer Street, Pilsen, north of the Bory Prison. The I Bn was stationed in Klatovy (N 50/L 00) and the III Bn in Stribro (N 50/P 74).

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2. The officers of the regiment included : Colonel Zdrahal, (fnu), regimental commander; Lieutenant Colonel Vladislav Proks, deputy CO; Major Sedlacek, (fnu), adjutant; Staff Captain Miroslav Kozel, DOW officer; Senior Lieutenant Ruda, (fnu), CO of signal battery; Josef Dobricka (rank unknown), education officer; and Captain Michal Kocan, CO of II Bn. Ninety-five percent of the elements of the regiment in Pilsen were Czechs and 5 percent Slovaks. Sixty of the 80 BM of the 6th Btry were members of the Communist Party.

3. The regiment was organized into the regimental headquarters, the signal battery and the I, II and III Bns. The II Bn was organized into the headquarters and the 4th, 5th and 6th Btries which had [redacted] When leaving for a combat exercise, the 6th Btry was led by the battery commander, followed by the battery commander's detail consisting of the observation officer, an NCO as his assistant, the bugler and four scouts. Following were two platoons of two sections, each section consisting of the chief of section, a gunner, a gun loader, three cannoneers and three horseholders. The battery had one officer, one regular NCO, 30 MM and 60 horses.

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4. Each battery of the II Bn was equipped with four 105-mm guns and four German light machine guns. Twenty-eight guns

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of the same caliber were stored in the barracks in Pilsen. The batteries had no signal equipment of their own. When required, the equipment was placed at their disposal by the regimental signal battery. The units of the 2nd Arty Regt in Pilsen had at their disposal only two passenger cars and one truck. For exercises they were loaned motor vehicles by other army units.

5. Firing practice was held near Primda (Pfraumberg, 50/P 53) from 1 to 21 June 1950.

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* Comment. The 2nd Arty Regt has been known as a component unit of the 11th Inf Div in Pilsen since October 1948. In January 1950 it was reported that [redacted] belonged to an artillery battalion which was believed to be an element of the 2nd Arty Regt. [redacted] This assumption was confirmed by the [redacted] statement.

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1 Annex :1 - Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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